

REMARKS

By this Supplemental Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-18, 20, 23-26, 28, 29 and 38-48 without disclaimer. Claims 19, 21, 22, 27 and 30-37 remain pending in the present application.

Regarding the canceled claims, Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 1-18, 20, 23-26, 28, 29 and 38-48, prior to this Amendment is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Claims 1-18, 20, 23-26, 28, 29 and 38-48 were cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the present application. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 1-18, 20, 23-26, 28, 29 and 38-48, as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims in one or more continuing applications.

Conclusion


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 19, 21, 22, 27 and 30-37 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions about the present Amendment or anticipates finally rejecting any claim of the present application, a telephone interview is requested.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

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